

**Notes from Farncombe Initiative Meeting
Weds 25 July 2018
Godalming Tennis Club**

Apologies

John Blades(JB), Tom Hawksley(TH), Nick Marshall(NM), Sheila Smith(SS), Damian Wheeler(DW), Ross Welland(RW), Nick Williams

Present

Dan Davies (DD), Steve Cosser(SC) (Chair), Paul Devereux (PD), Anne Gray(AG), Suzie Gortler(SG), Heather Hullah(HH), Ann Lister(AL), Matt O'Donoghue(MO), John Petty(JP), Sue Petty(SP), Paul Rivers(PR), Penny Rivers(Per), Martyn Sandford(MS)

Binscombe Shopping Project AG delivered update on project. Jason Hunter (local freelance gardener) has offered his time and expertise (f.o.c) to the Farncombe Initiative.

- Jason has prepared list of suitable/manageable plants for the area. No plants can be placed in front of the noticeboard.
- Plants and shrubs can be planted to back of noticeboard, 1 tree to be planted. DD and AG visited Van Arnhem's to select plants. Van Arnhem's sending a quote.

Jason, AG and DD have put together a planting plan of shrubs/plants to be placed = 3's, 5's and 7's
AG asked if MS could design a leaflet to deliver to local houses close to the planting asking for volunteers to water the plants initially whilst they establish themselves.

Action: MS/AG

FI group expressed their thanks to Jason Hunter for the time taken in preparing the list etc.

Shopping Project Dates for your diary:

22 September for preparation of the ground.

6-8 students are hopefully going to be available for litter picking / digging

Jason also suggested that the grounds manager from Charterhouse might be willing to help. **Action:**

AG has emailed Charterhouse to confirm if students from Charterhouse are available.

29 September (10am-12pm)

Plants will be delivered and planting starts. There will also be a litter pick.

Farncombe Station Art Project

SG confirmed free-style art work sent to SWR. SWR have asked for more examples of non-free-style art work for the aluminium style panels for the 7 arches on the South side of the platform.

SG confirmed the museum holds Farncombe specific images that don't have copyright issues that could be used

SC expressed concern that as the original community manager has now left SWR and who was very supportive of FI that his departure might hold up the project. SC anxious new contact made ASAP.

Action: SG to invite new SWR Community Manager to Farncombe Station ASAP

SG confirmed The Curator of Godalming Museum would be pleased to come to the next FI meeting.

Action: SG to invite Curator to September meeting.

PD mentioned that it would be pertinent to have an image/s of the Marshall family included in station artwork project. Copyright needs to be checked of who owns the Marshal Family images (particularly Frederick Marshal image Vanity Fair Magazine)

Action: SG to check copyright with Godalming Museum Curator and beyond

Network Rail Disability Access Farncombe Station

MS discussed network rail response on Disability access for Farncombe Station

MS has ideas how to help with disability access and is in discussion with NWR and will report back to FI group

Farncombe Day Centre Fete Sat 14 July

JP reported a good turn-out of members assisting with the Farncombe Initiative Stall at the fete and good interest in the FI, People interested in the Station project

Couple of volunteers might engage with the FI.

SC expressed thanks on behalf of the group to JP for coordinating and those coming to help. JP felt there was not much added value at the fete for the children. Poor car boot turn out.

FI Swifts Stall at Farncombe Day Centre Fete

MS reported that John Bannister from the Guildford Environmental Forum came to support and there was lots of interest in swifts in Farncombe. Martyn has been asked to survey a house locally, to see if suitable for a swift box. AG said it would be good to engage building developers to talk to them about the potential of building developments with Swift Boxes. HH suggested landscapers (behind Binscombe farmhouse) could be approached to put swift boxes in. SC suggested speak to WBC planning department about how to put swift boxes on their agenda. MS said swift bricks are cheap to install. MS reported 1 donation made for a swift box but didn't take it and another donated and took one away.

Action: JP to pass contact from developer to MS or AG to contact about Swift Boxes.

Action: SG to contact WBC planning department.

- **Farncombe Initiative Expenditure to date and what other projects for the group?**
SC discussed expenditure report circulated earlier to the group
- SC confirmed the Farncombe Station Art project is on the critical path and it needs to move forward?
- SC asked the group what other projects the group might like to consider?
- DD asked if FI could look at Bridge Street roundabout as it's in a bad state of repair?
- DD asked about tree planting in the street?
- AG reported Liz Wheatley Cllr asked if Litter bins could be put at Long Gore or benches. - SC suggested contacting WBC about bins
- PD asked if a Farncombe Cricket history noticeboard be sited.
- PD asked if the history of the Broadwater Park and George Marshall can be put onto a Perspex board and affixed to the back of the new oak boards in the park.

Action: SG to speak to WBC

Discussion continued about expenditure and Staycation Farncombe Family Fete

PeR asked why money came out of Farncombe Initiative budget. (See post meeting notes from Town Clerk)

Discussion continued about the history of the Staycation Farncombe Family Fete. SG reminded group of their desire for an event in Farncombe when FI first began. PD agreed event was needed SG outlined the event ran for 3 years and successfully showed another agency could take it over i.e. Farncombe Day Centre Fete.

SC asked about other projects going forward?

MS suggested Benches be "parked" and to look at planting at the station.

PeR suggested that Trinity Trust could be invited to talk to group about some money going to possibly run some groups for youngsters who don't have anywhere to go

PD agreed that brightening the area would help to improve community feel and concentrate on that rather than benches.

HH mentioned about youngsters meeting places, could that be an option? As community is important. SC asked PeR if a SCC representative could be found to speak to the group about assisting young projects but PeR thought there wasn't.

Action: To invite Trinity Trust to come and speak to the FI about what actions could be taken.

SC would like to see a professional visit the FI ref: overview of youth work.

MS said that there are lots of clubs in the area, chess, football, dancing cricket etc that young people could engage with. MS said there are some groups of youngsters with potentially anti-social elements that are not engaging, but if we could factor the right people to sit round the table and engage them to help the young people become engaged that this would be worthwhile.

Initial other Priorities for FI

- Benches not top priority
- Cricket sign
- Group to come back with specific proposals to use the funding for so SC can report back to GTC.

Street Art Sculpture project

MS updated on Report on Street art sculptures etc.

TH had approached Skillway who could potentially be involved with making sculptures for street art in the area.

SC asked the group's opinion of the Street Art Project

AG thought it a great idea

DD likes the idea because the art could go in other spaces where there hasn't been any activity

MS and JP thought it would be good to engage Skillway

MS thought we could look to sponsor sculptures too and FI could be Factoring Agent

SC confirmed the general consensus was that the group were interested

The group expressed thanks to TH for his inspiration and hard work on putting the report together

Trees PD

RW asked for permission to call Paul Devereux.

Action: SG to pass on number to RW

Balconies update

SC confirmed that WBC will be checking compliance to make good the balconies on 27 Jul and if no responses received by WBC by 27 WBC will recommend serving a Section 215 Notice.

Any Other Matters

MS raised concern about a high fence potentially being around Broadwater Golf Course. He asked what are the facts about what's happening at Broadwater Golf Course.

SC suggested SG to contact WBC planning to ascertain are there any lodged applications.

Action: SG to contact WBC ref: BWGC

AL reported that the last house on Farncombe Street has current work in progress.

MOD has confirmed that the Cooperative Community Grants scheme has changed and that groups can apply for grants as they've relaxed the criteria. MOD to pass details to SG to check community grants criteria. JP reported that it was only open to registered charities.

Action: SG to check cooperative community grants current Status

PeR reported good news for the community that the PO is up and running

PD wants to be included into the Farncombe Station Art project.

SP reported that he Hearing aid clinics are continuing - first Weds in month 10-12

MS observed that the trees planted in the Canon Bowring's Field for the Roots for the Future were suffering very badly. Francesca

MS contacted WBC Parks and Leisure (14 July) to report lack of watering of new trees in the canon Bowring's need watering but has no received a reply to date

MS had drafted an FI article for the Farncombe Villager magazine

MS to send article to group before submission to the Villager magazine

Dates of next meetings:

No August meeting

Wednesday 12 September 8.00pm

Wednesday 3rd October 8.00pm

Wednesday 14 November 8.00pm

Wednesday 12 December 8.00pm

All meetings held at Godalming Tennis Club

Thanks to Godalming Tennis Club for their continued support with FI meetings

